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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE (37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

NOTE: See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, 7th ed.

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is:

(check one of the following)

applicant's birth certificate.

a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

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PATENT Atty Docket 032756

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

THOMAS V. WARD, JR. and JEANNE M. WARD

IMPROVED PAPER BINDING

STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

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DECLARATION OF JEANNE M. WARD

Jeanne M. Ward, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. She is a co-inventor of the subject invention.
- 2. She is 78 years of age, having been born on October 19, 1925.
- 3. She is requesting that the attached Potition To Make Special be granted in this application because of her age.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Dated: 12/23/09 20

Jeanne M. Ward

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